

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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KASTNER, Daniel et al.)	Art Unit: 1634
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Application No. 09/486,147)	Examiner: Goldberg, Jeanine Anne
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**Via Facsimile: (703) 305-3014****Art Group Unit: 1634**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 25, 2003

Sir:

This is responsive to the August 26, 2002 Office Action issued regarding the above-identified patent application. A Request for Extension of Time is included herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 48 & 53 as follows:

2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid sequence, comprising the coding sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and variations thereof permitted by genetic code degeneracy.